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Get ready for the Aruba Music Explosion to rock the island this September



Olga Tañón



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Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber was proud to announce the inaugural Aruba Music Explosion organized by Vicki Perez of S & E Enterprises; the three-day festival will offer a roster of popular performers to appeal to all ages of music fans.

Taking place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 22, 23 and 24, the AME will also host daytime beach parties at MooMba Beach Restaurant and Bar,



Michael Bolton



Luis Fonsi

where fans will have the opportunity to meet the stars; seven internationally renowned performers will electrify audiences at the Piedra Plat Entertainment Center from 7:00 to 11:00 PM.

Headliners for Thursday, September 22 are Michael Bolton and the two Russells, Graham Russell guitarist

and Russell Hitchcock, better known as Air Supply. This will be the second time on Aruba for the famed Australian duo, and they have already proven to local audiences the put on a fabulous show.

Friday night will feature multi-Billboard award winner Gilberto Santa Rosa, and from Puerto Rico, "The Woman of Fire," Olga Tanon, a multi-Grammy and Latin Grammy winner known for her hot Merengue and Latin Pop hits.

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Remembering Cantinflas



MEXICO CITY, Mexico -- A man walks by a portrait of Mexican comedian Mario Moreno "Cantinflas" in a photographic exposition at Reforma Avenue, in Mexico City. Yesterday Mexico celebrated 100 years of Cantinflas birth. Cantinflas was a comedian from Mexico. He was born August 12th, 1911 and passed away from old age in April 20th, 1993. He was once called the 'funniest man in the world' by Charlie Chaplin.

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View of some little figurines depicting late Mexican comedian Mario Moreno 'Cantinflas' at the Mario Moreno Cantinflas foundation in Mexico City.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Police in London lockdown to prevent new riots

LONDON (AFP) - Police in London flooded the streets on Friday to prevent a repeat of England's worst riots in decades which left city neighbourhoods smouldering and five people dead.

The number of officers out on the beat in the capital was more than doubled to 16,000 earlier this week, and Home Secretary Theresa May said the extra police would stay in place until further notice amid concerns violence could flare up this weekend.

Friday and Saturday are the busiest nights on the street with people heading out for the evening.

England has had two quieter days following four nights of rioting, arson and looting which led to 1,600 arrests across the country, but politicians and police were taking no chances.

The orgy of violence

started in London but the trouble soon spread to other major cities, including Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Nottingham.

London's Metropolitan Police said they arrested 1,144 people, of which 693 have been charged.

In total across England, 796 people have appeared in court, of which 122 were under 18. Courts have been working through the night and two-thirds of those charged have been remanded in custody.

Calls for those convicted to be stripped of their state welfare handouts and booted out of publicly-owned housing were receiving growing popular support.

Wandsworth Council local authority in south London became the first to serve an eviction notice, on a tenant whose son has been charged. It will come into effect if he is convicted.

victed.

"For too long we've taken a too soft attitude towards people that loot and pillage their own community," Prime Minister David Cameron told BBC television.

As fears of renewed violence remained high, a row escalated between police and politicians as both sides sought to deflect blame for the crisis.

The police have been criticised for their reluctance to crack down hard on the first riot in the north London district of Tottenham on Saturday. Critics say the cautious approach encouraged unrest to spread across the capital and then to other English cities.

But senior officers hit back Friday in rare public attacks on political leaders, who last year introduced funding cuts to police forces across Britain as part of a wider package of austerity measures.

Dutch court jails Somali pirates for S. African yacht attack

ROTTERDAM (AFP) - A Dutch court Friday sentenced two Somali pirates to six and seven years in prison for their role in abducting two South Africans off a yacht in the Seychelles last year.

"During the attack on the (yacht) Choizil, extreme violence was used," said Judge Jacco Janssen at a hearing held in the southern Dutch port city of Rotterdam. "The crew thought their last hour had arrived."

Omar Ali Abdallah, 24, was sentenced to seven years behind bars for the attack on the South African yacht as well as "an attempt sometime later to board another boat" while Sadag Ali Ibrahim, 20, got a six-year jail term.

The couple named by South African media as Bruno Pelizzari and Debbie Calitz are still being held by Somali pirates at an unknown location, with a \$10 million dollar ransom being asked for their release, Dutch prosecutors said.

The suspect and his accomplice "attacked the Choizil with automatic weapons and a rocket launcher," Judge Janssen said Friday.

"After they threatened the crew with weapons they boarded the small sailing boat... with a relatively large group of people," he said.

The yacht's skipper, Peter Eldridge, managed to escape and was rescued on November 7.

The pirates' leader, Syad Barre Hirsir Waheliye, 23, was sentenced to five-and-a-half years in jail, while two other men got four-and-a-half years each for complicity to piracy.

The three could not be directly linked to the attack on the Choizil, the Dutch judge said.

The five accused pirates were part of a group of 20 people picked up by a Dutch navy supply ship off the Somali coast in late November last year, and were transferred to the Netherlands on December 5. Fifteen others were released due to a lack of evidence.

"The number of piracy attacks and hijacking of ships along the Somali coastline has increased substantially over the last few years," Janssen said, adding the route along the coast was one of the busiest in the world.

Somali pirates still held 402 hostages by early August, kidnapping passengers and crew from commercial ships and yachts on pleasure cruises. Millions of dollars are being asked as ransom for their release, according to the London-based International Maritime Bureau.

Obama, Karzai discuss Afghan security handover

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Friday discussed progress towards a security handover from US to Afghan forces by 2014, the White House said in a statement.

The two leaders, who spoke for 30 minutes via videoconference, also discussed upcoming an upcoming meeting of foreign ministers of Muslim nations in Istanbul to discuss aid to drought- and famine-hit Somalia.

They also looked ahead to a December international conference in Bonn on Afghanistan's future and talked about their "work together to forge a long-term strategic partnership," the

White House said.

Obama and Karzai discussed "progress by coalition and Afghan National Security forces as security responsibility transitions towards a full Afghan lead in 2014," the statement said.

Obama and Karzai also "discussed their shared commitment to Afghan-led reconciliation and support for a strategy of regional engagement" and "agreed to maintain their close consultations going forward."

The conversation came one day after Obama and his national security team received a briefing from US Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker and US and NATO force commander General John Allen.

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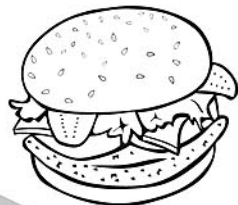
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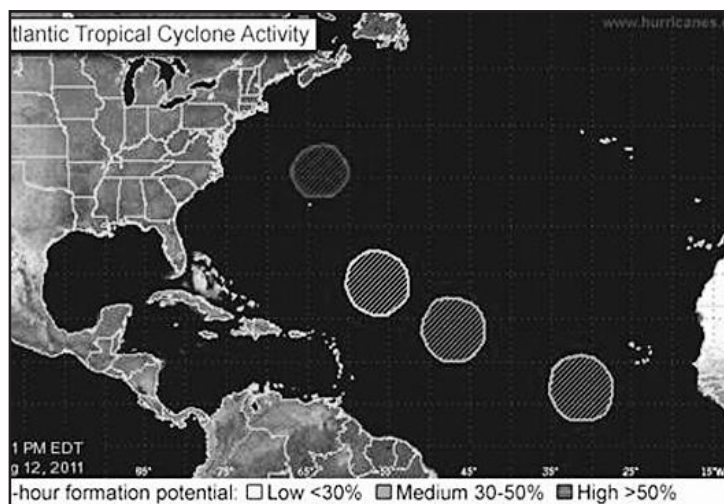
Three Atlantic tropical storms in the making

Three systems are brewing in the Atlantic with decent potential for becoming tropical storms over the weekend, the National Hurricane Center said yesterday..

The system closest to North America has the highest chance — 60 percent of turning into a tropical storm within 48 hours — but poses little threat and is likely to be short-lived, the Weather Channel reported.

It was about 200 miles north of Bermuda on Friday afternoon, when it became a tropical depression — one level before tropical storm.

Two systems farther out in the Atlantic have 40 and 50



percent chances, and could impact Caribbean islands by next week.

A fourth system closer to

the U.S. East Coast was given a 20 percent chance of turning into a tropical storm within 48 hours

The Public Prosecutor's Office of Aruba Asks the US authorities for legal assistance

ORANJESTAD -- The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba will on short notice send an official Treaty request for Legal assistance to the US Department of Justice. This is done with regard to the alleged death by drowning of the American woman R.G.(35 yr.) on August 2, 2011. The Treaty request is a follow upon the fruitful contacts that already exist in this investigation between the Aruban and American judicial authorities.

Further the Office of the Public Prosecutor wishes to make it known that the American man G.V.G. (50 yr.) who was arrested as a suspect on August 5, 2011 no longer co-operates with the investigation and has decided not to answer any more questions. For this reason the Office of the Public Prosecutor to publish a picture of the suspect and the woman G.R. in order to request information from the public on this man. Anyone who has seen G.V.G. during his stay on Aruba and who can give information about him, his contacts and the places he visited with the woman G.R. is urgently requested to contact the Aruban Police Force in person or via the special tip line 11141. Persons who want to volunteer information from outside of Aruba are asked to make use of the



number 297-582-0695, preceded by the usual international call code. They can record their information and leave a contact number.

In spite of intense police work there is as yet no clarity about the situation of the woman R.G. who arrived from the USA on Aruba July 31, 2011 together with the man G.V.G. According to the statements of G.V.G. she remained in the sea when he came ashore after snorkeling together.

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Bureau General Community Affairs Officer Ruth Tromp: *ATIA initiatives must serve as good examples for other organizations and entities*



ORANJESTAD – During this summer vacation many youngsters were looking for a temp job to earn enough to buy their school materials. ATIA – Aruba Trade and Industry Association - decided to lend a helping hand and offered two youngsters the job of painting the interior of their offices.

A beautiful gesture, taking into account that the two youngsters were already involved in the Bo Bario project, which, with the help of the

FCCA, recruited Aruban youngsters to paint FCCA community houses in neighborhoods around the island. The Bo Bario project is an initiative of Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman.

The project caught the attention of ATIA management and with the help of the Bureau General Community Affairs and the FCCA, recruited the two youngsters for the paint job, who, according to ATIA management, did an excellent

job. So good, that ATIA promised to keep them in mind for other work that might present itself in the near future.

The painted room is designated for several activities, such as workshops, courses and small receptions; it is available for rent to interested parties. Call ATIA at tel. 582-7593 for information and rates.

Mrs. Ruth Tromp-Schoop, officer of the Bureau General Community Affairs, express the hope that other organizations and businesses will follow their initiative and employ our youth to help with various odd jobs. This way we show our solidarity with the goals of our present administration.

Photo shows ATIA Office Manager Mrs. Julissa Arends-Hoevertsz together with Executive Secretary Aura Lacle handing Jennifer Martinus and Jorge Tromp a check in presence of FCCA Manager Cynthia Stuart-Martinus and Ruelle Geerma of Bureau General Community Affairs and the beautifully painted room

RNW journalist kidnapped from partner station

Venezuelan journalist Carlos Sánchez from Radio Fe y Alegría in Maracaibo was recently kidnapped at gunpoint. The station is one of Radio Netherlands Worldwide's three thousand affiliates across the globe.

Sánchez said he was threatened by four unknown men and forced into a car. The men warned him that he and his family would be in danger if he continued with journalistic investigations into certain topics. The men also threatened Sánchez's colleagues. After being held

for one hour, he was released unharmed.

A day before the kidnapping other journalists were the targets of aggression. When a group of journalists emerged from the entrance of public television station Vive TV they were shot at by unknown assailants. One person was injured in the incident.

Management at Vive TV suggested the attack was in response to a series of reports the station produced on oil smuggling

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Venezuela Finds 4 Cocaine Labs in Border States

In the most recent find, military personnel discovered four laboratories used to produce cocaine in Tachira on August 5. EFE reports that Colombian military uniforms were discovered at the site, indicating it may have been controlled by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia - FARC), or the National Liberation Army (Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional - ELN), both known to have maintained encampments in Tachira.

Zulia borders two Colombian departments which have a long history of contraband trade (mostly involving oil) with Venezuela -- La Guajira and Cesar -- while Tachira borders Northern Santander, where the ELN and FARC maintain a strong presence. The fact that cocaine-producing laboratories continue to be found in Venezuela's border states could be one indication of the pressure that Colombian criminal groups are facing in their own territory.

So far this year Venezuela has reportedly seized 25.2 tons of drugs.

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Minister Oduber with Vicki Perez, Ronella Tjon Ajoe Croes and sponsors

Saturday's final performance will feature Luis Fonsi, Felipe Peleaz and Servando & Florintino, the handsome balladeer Fonsi is a multi-threat award winner who writes and produces most of his work, and is a music idol to Latin people around the world. Felipe is one of the most popular performers to come out of

Colombia, and some consider him the nation's topmost songwriter. Servando and Florintino are the sons of an icon of the Venezuelan music industry, Ali Primera, also known as "The Voice of Venezuela," and are forging their own careers, having released the album "It's a Wrap," in October of last

year.

S & E Enterprises have been receiving bookings from travel agents all over Latin America for this exciting new event; tickets are now on sale on Aruba at Hard Rock Café, Valero Boulevard, and in the management offices on the second level of Paseo Herencia Mall. Categories of en-



Minister Oduber with organizer Viki Perez of S and E Enterprises

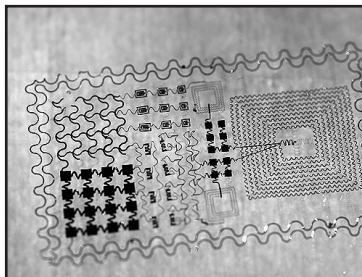
trance are Platinum Section, table seating with bar service and a bottle of Black Label \$ 220 – per person, per day ; VIP seating, \$ 160 – per person, per day, and General Admission, \$80 per person, per day, which is standing room only.

Inquires about travel and concert packages can be

made with S & E Enterprises by calling on Aruba: 560-3239, in Venezuela: 58212 642-5789 in Caracas or 58414 630-4249 in Maracaibo. Follow the Aruba Music Explosion on Facebook and Twitter for updates and information.

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech



This image courtesy of J. Rogers, University of Illinois shows an epidermal electronic system created by an international team of engineers and scientists. Through a combination of careful theoretical modeling and precise micro-manufacturing, a team of engineers and scientists has developed a new type of ultra-thin, self-adhesive electronics device that can effectively measure data about the human heart, brain waves and muscle activity – all without the use of bulky equipment, conductive fluids, or glues.

The researchers em-

bedded electronic sensors in a film thinner than the diameter of a human hair, which was placed on a polyester backing like those used for temporary tattoos popular with kids. The result was a sensor that was flexible enough to move with the skin and would adhere without adhesives.

The researchers said the devices had remained in place for up to 24 hours. Rogers said in a briefing that, while normal shedding of skin cells would eventually cause the monitors to come off, they might remain in place as long as two weeks.

In addition to monitoring patients in hospitals, other uses for the devices could include monitoring brain waves, muscle movement and emitting heat to help heal wounds, Rogers said.

AFP PHOTOS

Google+ gets its game on with Angry Birds, Bejeweled and Zynga

Google hasn't wasted a second opening its new social network up to a torrent of well-known game developers and their games.

Angry Birds, Bejeweled and Zynga Poker are just a few Google+ gaming apps that are on board for the

launch of Google+ Games.

While Google has raced to offer gaming fanatics a way to experience online games in a way that Google claims is "just as fun, and just as meaningful, as playing in real life," the company has been cautious not to alienate its non-gaming social networkers too.

Games on Google+ have been relegated to their own separate page -- a feature which may help convert Facebook users that dread reading their friends' annoying "John just bought a pig, harvested six crops, and needs help mowing his lawn" game notifications.

"That means giving you control over when you see games, how you play them and with whom you share your experiences," explained Vic Gundotra, Google Senior Vice President, Engineering in an August 11 blog post introducing Google+ Games. "Games in Google+ are there when you want them and gone when you don't."

"When you're ready to play, the Games page is waiting -- click the games button at the top of your stream," said Gundotra. "You can see the latest game updates from your circles, browse the invites you've received and check out games that people you know have played recently."

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'Supergene' is key to copycat butterflies



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of a switch, a single genetic switch allows these insects to morph into several different mimetic forms.

"It is amazing, and the stuff of science fiction. Now we are starting to understand how this switch can have such a pervasive effect."

The trick, known as Muelierian mimicry, was investigated by French and British scientists, who focussed on a species of Amazonian rainforest butterfly, *Heliconius numata*.

It is able to copy the colour patterns of several species of the *Melinaea* butterfly which are unpalatable

to birds.

The "supergene" comprises a tightly packed region of genes on a single chromosome which control different elements of the wing pattern.

"By changing just one gene, the butterfly is able to fool its predators," explained Richard French-Constant of the University of Exeter, southwestern England.

Even more astonishing is that three versions of the chromosome exist within this species, with each version controlling distinct wing-pattern forms.

Even though the butterflies look quite different from each other, they have the same DNA.

The supergene apparently transmits in a block from generation to generation, rather than go through recombination -- the mingling of genes from both parents.

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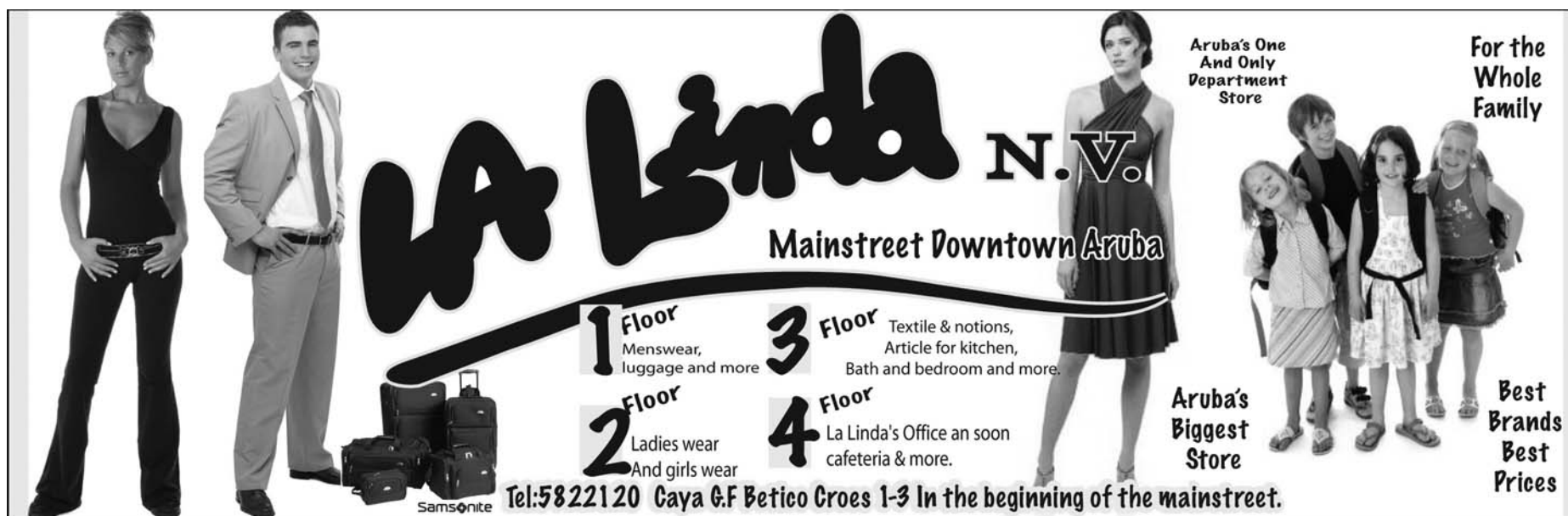
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Health & Living

UN warns cholera epidemic in Somalia may spread amid famine



GENEVA (AFP) - The UN warned Friday that a cholera epidemic in Somalia, which has claimed at least 181 lives in one Mogadishu hospital this year, could quickly spread as thousands flee famine in the south.

"The concern here is the root causes of cholera, and that is related to water and sanitation. And with the IDPs and population movement, this increases the risk of further spread of the disease, and that is our fear," Michel Yao, a public health advisor at the UN health agency, told reporters.

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According to WHO figures, around 4,272 cases of acute watery diarrhoea were reported in one Mogadishu hospital since the beginning of the year, with 181 related deaths, "some two to three times" what was observed a year ago.

Half of the victims were children under two, it said.

Children are particularly vulnerable, the UN's children agency said.

"The massive influx of people into Mogadishu and the rising number of cases of acute watery diarrhea in crowded urban areas places malnourished children at grave threat from cholera, which is a deadly and contagious disease," UNICEF spokeswoman Marixie Mercado said.

"Right now you have

around half a million children at imminent risk of death if they do not get (food) help within weeks.

The United Nations also warned that lack of funding was starting to limit the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Elisabeth Byrs, spokeswoman for the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said that around half of the 4.56 million people who have been targeted for food assistance in Ethiopia would get reduced rations due to lack of funds.

According to the most recent UN figures, only 48 percent of the requested \$2.4 billion for humanitarian assistance to some 12.4 million people in the famine-stricken Horn of Africa has been received.

US court: health care law provision 'unconstitutional'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US appeals court in Georgia on Friday struck down as unconstitutional the provision of President Barack Obama's

controversial health care law requiring every individual to own health insurance.

The court ruled that the remainder of the health care law is within constitutional boundaries.

"The individual mandate exceeds Congress's enumerated commerce power and is unconstitutional," wrote Chief Judge Joel Dubina.

"This economic mandate represents a wholly novel and potentially unbounded assertion of congressional authority: the ability to compel Americans to purchase an expensive health insurance product they have elected not to buy, and to make them repurchase that insurance prod-

uct every month for their entire lives," he added.

Twenty six states brought the case against the US government, and the court's judges ruled 2-1 in favor of the states.

The law, extending coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans, has been bitterly debated and challenged across the United States since Congress passed it last year.

Some 16 states have passed binding legislation opposing elements of the health reform bill.

Legal experts predict that the US Supreme Court will ultimately decide the matter, but that could take months or even years.

Japan heatwave kills four, sends 900 to hospital

TOKYO (AFP) - A blistering summer heatwave in Japan has claimed four lives and seen 900 people hospitalised this week, media said Friday, amid an energy saving campaign due to the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

The mercury has risen above 35 degrees centigrade (95 degrees Fahrenheit) for three days in a row in much of Japan, where the thermostats of most air-conditioners have been turned down to reduce electricity consumption.

Four people died of heat stroke on Thursday -- two farmers, a security guard and

a construction worker -- said the Asahi daily.

More than 900 people have been taken to hospital with heatstroke symptoms, including about 20 in serious condition, said the Kyodo News agency.

Since the start of July, more than 21,000 people in Japan have been rushed to hospital due to the summertime heat, and 32 of them have died, according to data from the Fire and Disaster Management Agency.

This weekend is one of the busiest travel times of the year in Japan, when many take their summer holiday.



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Eman looking to pull Team Aruba into Top 8

UNION, South Carolina -- As the ADRL heads toward their final event of the season, each point is becoming weightier. Trevor Eman and the Aruba.com team are a mere 16 points out of the top eight and are eager to pull into range for the Battle for the Belts Shootout to be contested at the World Finals, Oct 21-23. Doing well at this weekend's Speedtech U.S. Drags at Virginia Motorsports Park could go along way toward securing their spot in the Battle.

"We really hope to be a part of the Battle for the Belt this year," told the youngest driver in the XPS ranks. "I'm glad that the ADRL continued this program even though the Championship is now decided by points. Having the Battle for the Belts as a Shootout program still gives the top eight the chance to battle it out for bragging rights, and it gives the fans

the exciting, all-or-nothing race they love. It's definitely not out of the realm of possibility for us to compete in the Battle for the Belts this year. We've got three races left to get in the top eight. Hopefully we'll do well in Virginia and make moves toward participating in the Battle for the Belts.

"Unfortunately, red lights have been my nemesis this season. I hate losing that way. The team works too hard for us to lose on the starting line. I do try to cut good lights and I know that with that comes are red light every now and then, but, as the driver, I want to give our team the best chance possible. So this weekend my plan will be to go green and stay consistent on the tree.

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The "Centro pa Desaroyo di Hende Muhe"

CEDEHM - Center for the Development of Women - was founded by Aruba Minister of Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. The center's aim is to give Aruban women a place where to go for information and direction for their further development.

The center, under the guidance of Sandra Brown, organizes workshops, night lectures and courses to help our female population be better prepared for their present or future job.

After intensive planning and preparation, including personnel construction, initial services offered by the center, and goals and plans for the future, the CEDEHM became a reality and recently, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar and



Governor Fredis Refunjol signed a decree.

CEDEHM is situated at Steenweg in the white monument building adjacent to the former Interbank on the Caya Betico Croes.

The center shares the building with Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama and Fundacion

Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi. Those two foundations are there to reinforce CEDEHM's work.

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Join the Light of Hope Foundation in educating youngsters to the pitfalls of substance abuse



Anky Vrolijk, Lizayra Tromp-Polak and Ennith Sivo

A new foundation, "Luz de Esperanza," begun by social worker Anky Vrolijk, announced it will be conducting a fun run/walk on Sunday, August 21, to raise awareness regarding prevention of substance

abuse, and the funds to begin an educational program in Aruba's middle schools for youngsters at a most impressionable and vulnerable age.

Supporting the foundation in their efforts is Mediocos-

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tion Representative Ennith Sivo. They expressed the company's belief in the importance of the message and method of Fundacion Luz de Esperanza.

Anky Vrolijk emphasized the present plan is only the first of many projects aimed at not only prevention, but treatment of substance abuse and family counseling. She invites all the community to join them at Varadero, where the 6KM Fun Run/Walk will start and end beginning at 5:30 PM, Sunday, August 21.

To register and reserve a tee shirt, which is included in the 7.50 Aruban florins entrance

fee, call 594-8591 / 592-0121 or Mediocosmetics at 582-5672; there are 300 tee shirts for the first to inscribe, which also includes refreshments at the end of the walk.

Officers of the foundation acknowledged the other foundations on Aruba dedicated to the problems of substance abuse, but none, to date, have plans such as theirs for reaching out to young people. They expressed a hope that all such foundations would band together and work cooperatively in the future for more effective programs addressing the issue.

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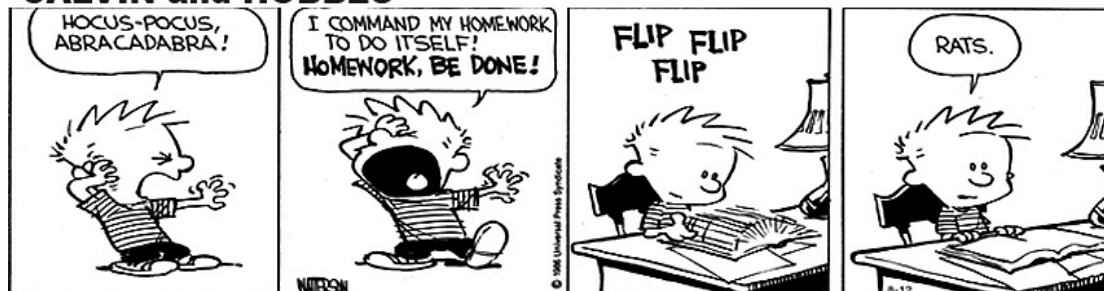
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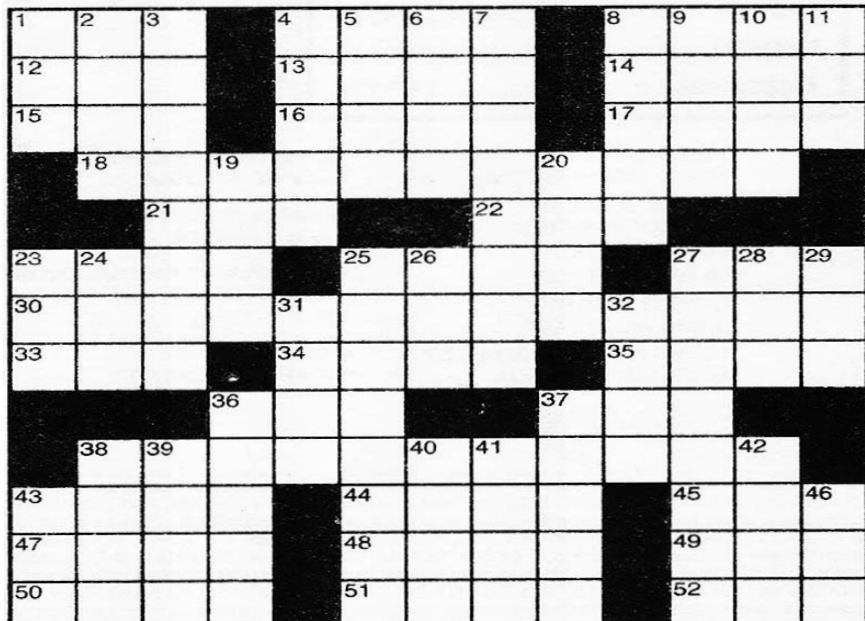
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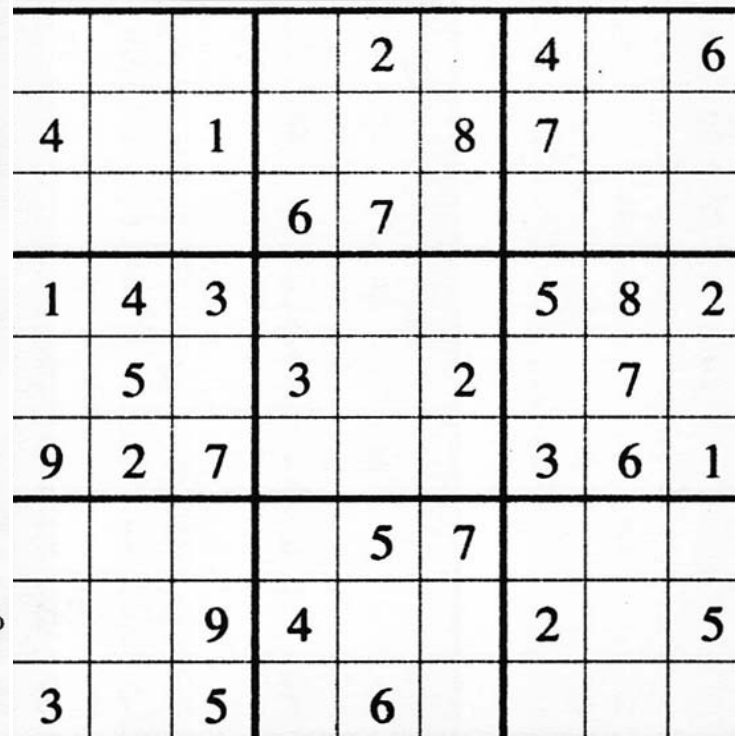
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Gold hits new record above \$1,800 amid eurozone debt storm

LONDON (AFP) - Gold hit a record peak this week as investors sought shelter from slumping equities amid unfounded rumours of a France credit rating downgrade and worries over Societe Generale's Greek debt exposure.

However, the French government categorically denied that it might be the next major country to lose its cherished AAA status and the ratings agencies said they did not plan to downgrade. And Societe Generale denied it was facing trouble over its exposure to Greece.

PRECIOUS METALS: Gold surged overnight Wednesday to a record \$1,814.95 per ounce, extending its recent record-breaking run as European debt woes flared up, one week after Washington's historic credit rating downgrade by Standard

and Poor's.

Gold, whose twin drivers are investment and jewellery, is widely regarded by investors as a safe place to park cash in uncertain economic times.

By late Friday on the London Bullion Market, gold jumped to \$1,736 an ounce from \$1,658 the previous week.

Silver eased to \$38.29 an ounce from \$39.24.

On the London Platinum and Palladium Market, platinum rose to \$1,800 an ounce from \$1,709.

Palladium rose to \$747 an ounce from \$742.

GRAINS AND SOYA: Wheat and corn prices crept ahead on concerns over US yields.

By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for delivery in September climbed

to \$7.02 a bushel from \$6.93 a week earlier.

Wheat for September rose to \$7.13 from \$6.79.

November-dated soyabean meal -- used in animal feed -- slipped to \$13.30 a bushel from \$13.33.

Oil, prices eased on Friday New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude for delivery in September, finished down 34 cents to \$85.38 per barrel, after a day mostly in the plus column.

In London, the Brent North Sea contract for September squeaked out a one cent gain to \$108.03 a barrel.

For the week the WTI contract was off \$1.50 from its close last Friday, but in between it swung as low as \$75.71, as global stock markets plunged, revived and plunged again.

Colombia Cuts 2011 Coffee Forecast After July Crop Slumps



BOGOTA - the world's second-largest supplier of arabica coffee beans, trimmed its production forecast for the year by about 5.6 percent after last month's crop slumped because

of adverse weather.

Production will likely be 9 million bags, Colombia's National Coffee Growers Federation Chief Executive Officer Luis Munoz told reporters in Bogota, down from a forecast of 9.5 million bags in May. Output in July tumbled to about 530,000 bags from 787,000 bags a year earlier, the federation said.

Storms in Colombia have hurt a recovery in the nation's harvest from a 33-year low in 2009. Global stockpiles are enough to supply about two months of consumption, which may keep coffee prices above \$2 a pound, according to Munoz.

Dutch economy can weather eurozone crisis: Rutte

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch economy has the means to weather the eurozone debt crisis, Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Friday, as he stressed the need for European countries to curb public spending.

"I would like to emphasise we have the reserves to absorb the knocks," Rutte told a televised press conference in his first public address since the Dutch parliament went on summer recess.

He added: "The Dutch budgetary system is very robust. The Netherlands is doing relatively well within the European Union," but it remained of the utmost importance for it and other countries to continue with their cutback packages.

Rutte said the eurozone crisis was simply the result of countries allowing debts and deficits to build up to unacceptable levels before taking action.

"There are too many countries like Greece and Italy in which reforms were not undertaken or are coming too late," he said.

Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager earlier Friday told Dutch news agency ANP he would not rule out an upward revision of the EU's European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

"Economic reform and spending cuts are essential. Without them a more substantial aid fund is of no use," he said.

South American finance leaders want crisis fund

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - The Union of South American Nations has proposed establishing a fund to serve as a regional response to international financial crises, Argentina's Minister of Economy Amado Boudou, said Friday.

"We are working on setting up a counter-cyclical regional fund that would confront a financial crisis," said the minister in Buenos Aires, where economic and

finance ministers from 12 South American countries are meeting.

The fund could draw from monetary reserves or central banks from countries in the region, which manage some \$500 billion, according to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The funds would possibly be an extension of the Latin American Reserve Funds (FLAR), which already serves as an assistance mechanism to its seven-member countries in case of financial turmoil.

Created in 1978, FLAR brings together Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The two largest economies in the region,



Peru's Economy Minister Miguel Castilla (R) and his Argentine counterpart Amado Boudou

Brazil and Argentina, could increase the funds' effectiveness if they decide to join.

In recent days, stocks and financial markets around the globe weakened with the double threat of a US recession and the European debt crisis.

South American countries, spared for the moment, fear they will eventually feel the consequences, such as an eventual loss of competitiveness if their currency rises rapidly against the dollar.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Parents guide to skin protection

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Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.



Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.
- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.
- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.
- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.
- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.
- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.
- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.
- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

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Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.



Cuba's fading Fidel Castro turns 85 today

HAVANA - Revolutionary legend Fidel Castro turned 85 today, still an important figure in his communist-ruled Cuba, but increasingly a fading presence in the life of the country he ran for 49 years.

He gave up his last leadership post this year when he stepped down as head of the ruling Communist Party and has retreated further and further from public view.

His gradual slipping away appears to be a product of choice borne of necessity, but also of a transition plan to

wean Cuba from its once near-total dependence on the charismatic Comandante's leadership.

He is rarely seen or heard from and has stood largely on the sidelines as his younger brother and replacement, President Raul Castro, struggles to reform Cuba's Soviet-style economy.

"His role has diminished significantly. He has stepped away more so than at any point in the last five years," said Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, a Cuba expert at the University

of Nebraska in Omaha.

"It may be a case of Raul Castro solidifying his governing style and Fidel willingly receding," he said.

Cuba celebrates the birthday with a nationally televised "serenade" by a lineup of musicians.

Fidel Castro came to power on New Year's Day 1959 when his guerrilla forces swept down from the eastern Sierra Maestra mountains to topple U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista.

As Cuba's president, he out-

lasted nine U.S. presidents and five decades of U.S. hostility, but in July 2006 he underwent emergency intestinal surgery and suffered complications from which he never fully recovered.

He handed power provisionally to Raul Castro, then did so officially when he resigned in February 2008 and his younger



sibling was elected president by the National Assembly.



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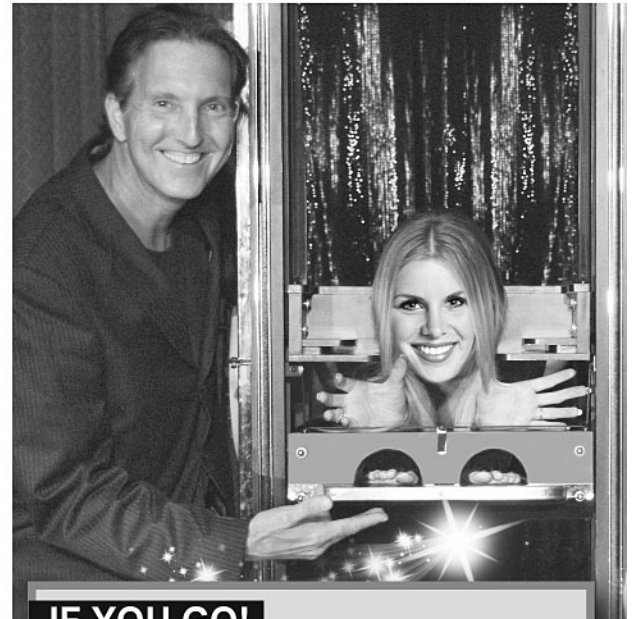
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Christina Aguilera leads line-up for Jackson tribute gig



LONDON (AFP) - Pop singer Christina Aguilera and Motown legend Smokey Robinson will head the line-up for a Michael Jackson tribute concert in Britain in October, the organisers have announced.

Several of Jackson's brothers will also perform at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium in Wales, as will his nephews who form the boyband 3T, despite opposition among some of the late singer's siblings to

the concert going ahead at all.

Fans have until August 16 to register for tickets to the October 8 show, which will cost from £55 (\$90, 63 euros) for a restricted view and £87 for a standard seat, to a top price of £240 (\$390, 274 euros).

After several delays, the first artists in the line-up were confirmed as Smokey Robinson, Grammy award-winning singer Aguilera, singer-songwriter Cee Lo Green, British singer Leona Lewis and pop act JLS.

British R&B star Craig David and rock band Alien Ant Farm have also signed up for the tribute concert.

"We're delighted that such exciting and globally recognised acts have joined the line-up to pay tribute to a music legend," said Chris Hunt, president of Global Live Events which is organising the concert.

"This is going to be a spectacular event, and one not to be missed. I'm also pleased to

say that we'll be adding more amazing headliners in the days to come."

US Director Paul Ring added: "This concert will unite various generations and musical genres, reminding everyone of just how amazing a talent Michael was."

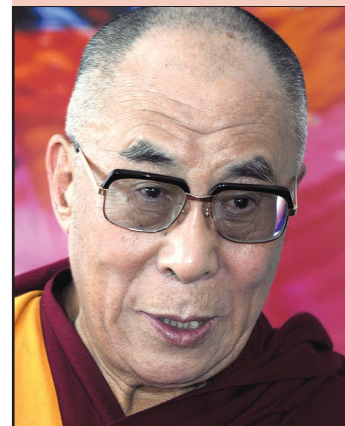
The Millennium Stadium has a 74,500 capacity, but for fans who cannot attend the show will be broadcast to 30 countries in both 2D and 3D.

It is the brainchild of Michael Jackson's mother, Katherine, his sister La Toya and brothers Tito, Marlon and Jackie.

But two of his brothers, Jermaine and Randy Jackson, said the family should be concentrating on the upcoming manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson's doctor, which will begin on September 26 in Los Angeles.

Conrad Murray, the last doctor to treat Jackson, is on trial for involuntary homicide in the King of Pop's death on June 25, 2009 at the age of 50 after an overdose of the anaesthesia propofol, which the singer used as a sleeping aid.

Dalai Lama says 'happy' to be free of political tasks



TOULOUSE (AFP) - The Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, arrived in Toulouse in southwest France Friday to spread his teachings there, saying he was "happy" to be free of political tasks.

Lobsang Sangay, a 43-year-old Harvard scholar, took office Monday as head of the Tibetan government in exile, taking over the role of prime minister from the 76-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

"Today I am just a spiritual person, I have no political responsibility," the Dalai Lama said on his arrival in France, where he will over the next

few days address people on "the meaning of human values" and promote religious harmony.

He applauded progress made among Chinese "intellectuals (and) writers" which, he said, has boosted hopes of establishing improved relations between China and Tibet.

He also restated that Tibet's political leadership is "not seeking separation" from Beijing.

The Dalai Lama's visit to Toulouse, which includes a two-day Buddhist conference starting Saturday, has a "pastoral" aim, his staff have said, and some 10,000 people have signed up to hear him speak.

There are believed to be some 800,000 practicing Buddhists in France.

The Dalai Lama will retain the significant role of Tibet's spiritual leader and a major influence on policy-making decisions.

He fled Tibet following a failed uprising against Chinese rule in 1959. He later founded the government in exile in Dharamshala, northern India.

Run king Cook takes England closer to No 1

BIRMINGHAM (AFP) - Alastair Cook's career-best 294 laid the platform for England to beat India at Edgbaston and so replace the tourists as the world's best Test side.

Cook's dominating display led England to a massive first innings total of 710 for seven declared on the third day of the third Test here on Friday.

It was England's best in Tests for 73 years and their third highest of all-time behind their 903 for seven declared against Australia at The Oval in 1938 and 849 against the West Indies at Kingston in 1930.

England's day then got better still when India lost Virender Sehwag for his second first ball nought of the match, the recalled opener completing a 'king pair' when he edged a drive off James Anderson to home skipper Andrew Strauss at first slip.

India were 35 for one at stumps -- still needing 451 more runs just to make England bat again.

Fit-again opener Gautam Gambhir was 14 not out and veteran Rahul Dravid 18 not out.



England's Alastair Cook raises his bat after reaching his double century against India on the third day of the third test match.

It all left England superbly placed to go an unbeatable 3-0 up in this four-match series and secure a win that would see them replace India at the top of the ICC's Test Championship table.

Cook's marathon innings of 12 hours 47 minutes, just

half an hour short of the England record set by Len Hutton when making 364 against Australia at The Oval in 1938, saw him face 545 balls with 33 boundaries.

But six runs short of becoming the sixth Englishman to score a Test triple hundred, and the first since his mentor Graham Gooch achieved the feat against India at Lord's in 1990, Cook was out when he flat-batted Sharma to deep point where Raina held a well-judged catch.

"I'm slightly disappointed," Cook told Sky Sports after missing out on the coveted 300. "Still, had you offered me that at the start of the game I would have snapped your hand off."

"The plan for this morning was to grind them down, and keep grinding and then accelerate later on today and that's what we tried to do."

A wearing pitch was taking turn towards the close, encouraging England fans their side could wrap a second successive win inside four days following a 319-run second Test success at Trent Bridge.

Brazil, Spain clash headlines U20 quarter-finals

BOGOTA (AFP) - The clash between Brazil and Spain will headline the quarter-finals of the Under-20 World Cup in Colombia this weekend.

It will be a much anticipated rematch of the last meeting between the two sides at the 2007 edition of the tournament which the South Americans won.

The Brazilians, who received a morale-boosting visit from senior team coach Mano Menezes, have been in form easily seeing off Saudi Arabia 3-0 in the round of 16 as they bid to capture the title for the fifth time and first since 2003.

The South Americans had to settle for runners-up spot in 2009 after being shocked by Ghana on penalties in the final in Egypt.

Spain have not shown the form of Brazil in their previous match needing a 7-6 penalty shoot-out win to get past South Korea after their last 16 game ended goalless.

But midfielder Canales said that the experience had made the 1999 champions

stronger as they prepare for Sunday's tie in Pereira.

"You emerge stronger from these type of situation," said Canales.

The winner of the Brazil v Spain game will next meet either Mexico or Colombia in Wednesday's semi-finals. Mexico and Colombia go head to head in Bogota on Saturday.

The host nation have never won the tournament but have shown their form by winning all four of their matches so far.

It remains to be seen however whether James Rodriguez's side can maintain the momentum after showing signs of weakness in their 3-2 win over Costa Rica.

Also flying high have been the Nigerian Eagles with 13 goals netted so far as they eliminated England 1-0 en route to Sunday's quarter-final tie against France in Cali.

The French emerged following a hard-fought 1-0 win over Ecuador.

Record six-time champions Argentina play Portugal in Cartagena on Saturday.



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Stosur reaches Toronto semis

TORONTO (AFP) - Australia's Samantha Stosur easily beat Roberta Vinci -- the conqueror of world number one Caroline Wozniacki -- 6-4, 6-1 on Friday to reach the semi-finals of the \$2.05 million WTA Rogers Cup.

Stosur broke Italian Vinci's serve while leading 5-4 in the first set to take the opening set at the Rexall Centre facility.

The Aussie then stepped up her game in the second set and moved through to the semi-finals with authority.

"As the match went on, I obviously probably grew in confidence, and then you get that bit of a lead with a buffer of a couple breaks and felt like I could maybe start going for a bit more," Stosur said. "I went for some big ones and it paid off."

Stosur next faces Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, who beat German Andrea Petkovic 6-4, 6-3.

"Semi-finals, you've got to believe that anything is possible," Stosur said.

"Having said that, from semi-finals to winning the tournament, there's a still a long way to go, but I think in this position you've got to. If you don't, then it's probably a little bit silly."

In other matches, fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, the highest seeded player left in the event, made quick work of Kazakhstan qualifier Galina Voskoboeva, winning 6-1, 6-2.

Voskoboeva leaves with her head high as she earned the title giant killer at this tournament after upsetting No. 9 Marion Bartoli, No. 25 Flavia Pennetta and former US Open winner Maria Sharapova to earn her spot in the quarter-finals.

Azarenka will next meet either Serena Williams or Lucia Safarova for a place in the final.

US rider Clinger receives lifetime doping ban

COLORADO SPRINGS, (AFP) - US cyclist David Clinger was issued a lifetime doping ban by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) on Friday after testing positive during a random test while serving a prior doping ban.

Clinger, 34, tested positive for clenbuterol, an anabolic agent, during a sample collected last June 29 in an out-of-competition test.

The Utah-based road racing rider was nearing the end of what had been a two-year suspension for his first doping violation, a positive result for testosterone and modafinil in a sample collected in June of 2009.

Clinger, fourth in the road race at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, accepted responsibility for using clenbuterol for performance-enhancing purposes, USADA said.

The second violation prompted USADA to issue the lifetime competition ban, which began last Tuesday.

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Players urge Colombia coach to stay despite assault

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's international footballers on Friday urged coach Hernan Dario Gomez to reconsider his resignation tendered this week after assaulting a woman outside a bar.

In an open letter, the team members and backroom staff said that while abhorring the attack they wanted to back in an "unconditional way our friend, colleague and technical director".

Gomez resigned on Tuesday after publicly apologising when local press reported that he had hit out twice at a woman who had insulted him at the weekend.

"Following what happened on Saturday evening, which has left me feeling mortified, I would like to say publicly that I am profoundly sorry for having lost control in the way I did," Gomez said after offering his resignation. "It shames me in front of my mother, my wife and every single woman in my family and in my country," he went on.

The Federation later announced that "an extraordinary meeting" would be held in the next week as they decide their next move, and that, "for the moment, the national team will not have a coach."

In their letter the players conceded that the coach had committed a "very serious error" but insisted that "he immediately admitted it, giving an example of his value and his love for Colombia and his family".

And they announced that they were ready to be "standard bearers for the cause of non-violence against women" and use the incident as an "opportunity to grow."

The players also called for the support of fans, sponsors and public opinion. Gomez had been working as an observer for FIFA at the under-20 World Cup, which is currently being held in the South American country.

He led Colombia to the quarter-finals of the recent Copa America, where they lost to Peru, and also took Ecuador to the World Cup finals for the first time in their history in 2002.

Fish ends Swiss hopes to keep Montreal bid on track



MONTREAL (AFP) - Mardy Fish ended Swiss hopes at the Montreal Masters on Friday as the American ran away with the final set in a 6-3, 6-7 (8/10), 6-0 quarter-final defeat of Stanislas Wawrinka.

Arsenal sign Costa Rica teenager

LONDON (AFP) - Arsenal agreed terms with Costa Rican side Deportivo Saprissa to sign teenage striker Joel Campbell on Friday, the English Premier League club announced on their official website.

The 19-year-old, who was in the Costa Rica squad for the recent Copa America in Argentina and the Under-20 World Cup in Colombia, had been pursued by a host of European clubs.

Campbell has played six times for Costa Rica, scoring two goals. One of those came on his debut in a 5-0 win over Cuba at this year's Gold Cup as his side reached the quarter-finals.

His second goal came against Bolivia in the Copa America.

The 14th seed followed Swiss compatriot Roger Federer out of the event a day after the third seed lost to France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Wawrinka rallied to win the second set in a tight tiebreaker but collapsed in the final set to hand over victory to sixth seed Fish in two hours, 21 minutes.

Fish, the top American on the ATP Tour, next faces Serb Janko Tipsarevic who defeated seventh-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-4.

"The second set was very strange for both of us," said Fish, who won the match with

six aces and a massive 10 breaks of the Wawrinka serve.

The victory continues a career success story for the 29-year-old Fish, who had never won a match at the event before this week.

In fact, the world number eight American has been a stranger in Canada, playing only in 2003 and 2008.

"It's a fluke, having played here only a couple of times. I've played the US Open probably 12 times. I've played Cincinnati (next week's tournament) probably 10 or 11 times," he said.

"But it's certainly nice to be here and to play on these courts because they are pretty quick, and they suit my game very well. I can get away with not playing great tennis but still winning."

Wawrinka had won three matches in a row this week for the first time since Roland Garros and was playing his second straight quarter-final after Gstaad at home on clay.

Fish was playing in his eighth quarter-final of the season and improved his 2011 record to 32-15.

He has now won 10 of 11 matches on North American summer hardcourts, winning the Atlanta title last month before finishing runner-up in Los Angeles to Ernests Gulbis.

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Aussie Scott challenges US domination at PGA, as Woods on verge of missing cut



Woods reacts to a poor shot

ATLANTA (AFP) - Australian Adam Scott put himself in the hunt for his first major title on a US-dominated leaderboard at the 93rd PGA Championship on Friday while Tiger Woods was nothing but an also-ran.

Tiger Woods' stunning downfall was about to get worse—missing the cut at the PGA Championship.

The player who once dominated golf had little chance of making it to the weekend after a brutal stretch of shots Friday at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Scott, whose new caddie Steve Williams was fired by Woods last month after 12 years as his bagman, began with a birdie, added more at three and five and another at the par-5 12th before falling back to four-under with a bogey at 14.

American Scott Verplank had back-to-back birdies at five and six and another at the eighth but ended the front nine with a bogey to stand on five-under, a one-stroke lead on Scott and four others.

Scott, who won a World Golf Championships event last week and was runner-up at the Masters in April, was joined in second by Americans Steve Stricker, Brandt Jobe, Jason Dufner and D.A. Points, who fired a three-

under 67 to take the clubhouse lead.

Stricker, who opened with a 63 Thursday to match the low round in major golf history, took bogeys at the sixth, eighth and ninth holes to slide back as the tension mounted at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Points, who won his first PGA title this year at Pebble Beach, produced five birdies against a single bogey to finish best among the early starters.

"These first two rounds are the best rounds I've struck the ball all year," Points said. "But it's only Friday. There's so much golf left."

Sweden's Anders Hansen was in the clubhouse on three-under and Aussie John Senden was on the back nine at the same score overall, but nine of the top dozen were Americans.

No American has won a title in the past six majors, a record futility run that the home-country stars hope to end by hoisting the Wanmaker Trophy and taking the top prize of \$1.445 million from the \$8 million event.

Woods, meanwhile, was enduring a nightmare round that saw him go from one bunker to another and then chip off the green and into a pond on the way to a double-bogey six at the 11th.

Woods, coming off his worst opening round in any major and worst round at any US major with a 77, had ended the front nine with back-to-back birdies to offset earlier bogeys but it was far too little and too late.

The former World No. 1, now ranked 30th after a four-month injury layoff, appeared doomed to miss a major cut for only the third time in his career after the 2006 US Open and 2009 British Open.

Woods, chasing the all-time record 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus, has not won any title since his infamous sex scandal unfurled in November of 2009 and has not won a major title since the 2008 US Open.

Reigning US Open champion Rory McIlroy, who questioned whether or not to even play Friday after suffering a strained right wrist tendon Thursday, fired a 73 but paid a price for hesitating to fully trust his bandaged forearm on swings.

"It gets into your head," McIlroy said. "It was a rough feeling. Out of the rough or in the bunkers, I wasn't committing to get through it."

The 22-year-old Northern Irishman was injured Thursday when he struck a tree root with his second shot on the third hole, but played through the pain for an opening-round 70.

"I wouldn't say it was painful. It was just a little uncomfortable," McIlroy said. A triple-bogey disaster at the par-3 17th was McIlroy's big setback.

"It was very frustrating," McIlroy said. "I was hitting the ball OK but I just didn't putt very well at all."

England's World No. 2 Lee Westwood shot a 68 Friday to stand on one-under after 36 holes and lead the charge for the "Chubby Slam", a potential sweep of the year's major titles by players managed by Andrew "Chubby" Chandler.



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